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SUBJ: CCINC TRAINING - NEPAL

REF: KATHMANDU 1001 AND PREVIOUS

1. DIRECTOR NEPAL CUSTOMS (PANDE) AND EMBOFF (FISCHER) MET MARCH 5 TO FIRM UP CCINC PROGRAM IN NEPAL. PANDE WOULD LIKE COURSE TO BEGIN MARCH 16, SINCE NEPALI WORK WEEK INCLUDES SUNDAY. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO DEFER OPENING OF COURSE UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 17. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO LIMIT COURSE IN KATHMANDU PRIMARILY TO AIRPORT CUSTOMS OPERATIONS (FREIGHT AS WELL AS PERSONNEL INSPECTION) SINCE AIRPORT IS SOLE CUSTOMS OUTPOST IN VALLEY. HE SUGGESTS THAT KATHMANDU PHASE OF TRAINING RUN THROUGH MARCH 25. FOLLOWING DAY IS HMG HOLIDAY, AND TRAINING COURSE COULD THEN MOVE TO BIRGUNJ WITH SECOND GROUP OF TRAINEES TO BEGIN MARCH 30. IS THIS ACCEPTABLE?

2. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW EIGHT DAY COURSE IN KATHMANDU IS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT GIVEN LIMITED CUSTOMS FACILITIES HERE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE COURSE SHOULD INCLUDE PORTIONS ON RAIDS OR SURVEILLANCE SINCE THESE ARE NOT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY CUSTOMS.

3. HOTEL FACILITIES IN BIRGUNJ ARE PRIMITIVE BY U.S. STANDARDS. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR TEAM TO STAY AT U. S. AID
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FACILITIES IN HETAUDA, A 35-40 MINUTE DRIVE BUT PROBABLY

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WORTH IT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ON TEAM'S ARRIVAL DATES,AS WELL
AS BILL OF LADING ON AIR FREIGHT. UNLESS EQUIPMENT HAS
ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED, SUGGEST TEAM CONSIDER BRINGING IT
AS EXCESS BAGGAGE. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE 16 MM. PROJECTOR,
TRANSFORMERS, SLIDE PROJECTORS AND SCREEN. OBEE

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